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For: METHOD OF INFERRING THREE-DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURE OF PROTEIN

### REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please extend the time for response to the Official Office Action dated July 3, 2002 by three months, from October 3, 2002 to January 3, 2003. A check including the amount of \$930.00 is enclosed as payment for the fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

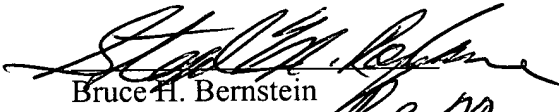
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